

usual certificates of election ; and satisfactory evidence being adduced, that they had been duly elected members of the Senate, and no objection being made to their qualification, on motion, they were permitted to qualify and take their seats.

A quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number of members being present,

Mr. McDowell nominated HENRY T. CLARK, of Edgecombe county, for Speaker.

On motion by Mr. McDonald, the name of RALPH GORRELL was added to the nomination ; and the Senate voted as follows, viz :

For Mr. CLARK.—Messrs. Ashe, Basnight, Battle, Biedsoe, Boyd, Brown, Cunningham, Davidson, Dobson, Edney, Gilmore, Guyther, Houston, Humphrey, Lane, Lankford, Martin, McDowell, McKoy, Mills, Pitchford, Reinhardt, Speight, Steele, Taylor, Thomas, Ward and Williams—28.

For Mr. GORRELL.—Messrs. Blount, Carmichael, Davis, Donnell, Douthitt, Flanner, Leach, McDonald, Miller, Ramsay, Straughan, Turner, Walkup and Worth—14.

Mr. Clark voted for Mr. McDOWELL.

Mr. Gorrell voted for Mr. McDONALD.

Mr. CLARK having received a majority of the votes given, was declared duly elected Speaker of the Senate, and being conducted to the chair by Messrs McDowell and McDonald, made his acknowledgements in an appropriate address.

Mr. Boyd nominated JOHN HILL, of Stokes, for Principal Clerk ; whereupon, the Senate proceeded to vote as follows, viz :

For Mr. HILL.—Messrs. Speaker, Ashe, Basnight, Battle, Bledsoe, Blount, Boyd, Brown, Carmichael, Cunningham, Davidson, Davis, Dobson, Douthitt, Edney, Flanner, Gilmore, Gorrell, Guyther, Houston, Humphrey, Lane, Lankford, Leach, Martin, McDowell, McDonald, McKoy, Miller, Mills, Pitchford, Ramsay, Reinhardt, Speight, Steele, Straughan, Taylor, Thomas, Turner, Walkup, Ward, Williams and Worth—43.

Mr. HILL having received the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected Principal Clerk of the Senate.